

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended by the Examiners during the telephonic interview conducted on April 29, 2010. The participants in that interview were Examiner Ann Schillinger, Supervisory Examiner David Isabella, and Applicant's representatives, attorneys Daniel Hart and Cynthia Arko.

In the interview, the meaning of the phrase "comprising an aortic valve obtained from an animal" in Claim 21 was discussed, as was the disclosure of Verona (U.S. Patent No. 7,323,010). Applicant proposed amending Claim 21 to clarify that the "aortic valve obtained from an animal" is a "substantially intact" aortic valve.

The Examiners agreed that the proposed amendment would overcome the present rejection of independent Claim 21 over Moe et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0023302) in combination with Verona. Applicant agreed to submit a written response to the outstanding Office Action.